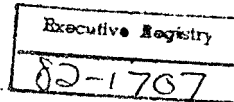




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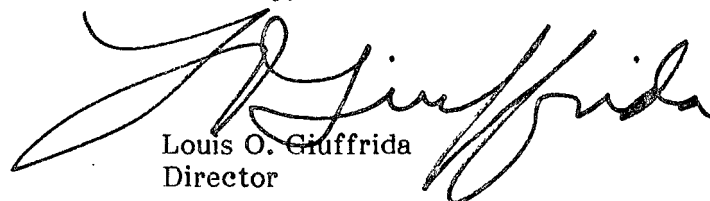
Dear Mr. Casey:

During the current budget cycle it has become increasingly apparent that there is a need for an updated unclassified statement regarding Soviet Civil Defense. This need was evident especially during discussion of the President's U.S. Civil Defense Program during Congressional hearings. The status of Soviet capability is also of interest to the media and public. The only comprehensive, unclassified official assessment now available is "Soviet Civil Defense," published by your organization in July 1978 (Document NI 78-10003).

In view of current needs, it is requested that an update of the 1978 study be undertaken by the Intelligence Community, with a report to be issued as soon as possible. It is my understanding that the National Security Council Staff supports this request as well. In addition to the need for a general unclassified assessment, FEMA has a particular interest in acquiring further information on a number of specialized Soviet civil defense-related subjects, including such issues as: stockpiling of food and water, medical care preparedness, evacuation of people and industries (both in terms of estimated potential today, as well as actual performance of the Soviets in this regard in World War II), and plans for critical life-saving operations immediately after a nuclear attack. We are also interested in having an assessment of the likelihood and nature of the strategic warning of possible attack that is expected to be available to us.

In order to facilitate staff level discussions on the above matters, I have designated Mr. Robert C. Crawford, Assistant Associate Director for Civil Preparedness, National Preparedness Programs (287-3911), to respond should you care to have one of your staff engage in detailed discussion of this request.

Sincerely,


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